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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 11 April Intelligence Board Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 11 April Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting.

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Executive Secretary

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of  
Five-hundred-fourth Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 11 April 1968

Director of Central Intelligence  
Richard Helms  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Admiral Rufus Taylor, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research,  
Department of State  
Brigadier General Burton R. Brown, acting for Director, Defense  
Intelligence Agency  
Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Director, National Security Agency  
Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission  
Representative to USIB  
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes  
4 April Meeting  
(USIB-M-503, including  
record of action in USIB-  
S-29.22/21, distributed  
through special channels)

In the course of Board consideration of the minutes, the State Member commented that he wished to underline and stress what was said at last week's USIB meeting (Item 8), which he had been unable to attend, regarding the necessity for a coordinated position on enemy strength in South Vietnam as well as on the rate of North Vietnamese infiltration into South Vietnam. Mr. Hughes said that the State Department was under constant daily pressure on these problems, noting particularly the reports out of Saigon published that morning in the New York Times.

Mr. Helms indicated his general agreement with Mr. Hughes' comments and noted again that a concerted effort was underway here in Washington to reach agreement on these problems and to coordinate the results with MACV and others in Saigon. He reiterated his determination to achieve an early solution to this difficult problem.

The Board then approved the subject minutes as circulated.

2. Watch Report No. 920

Following a brief discussion centering on paragraph 7 the Board approved the subject report as circulated.

3. National Intelligence Survey  
(NIS) Coverage Plan  
(USIB-D-51.1/14, 22 March)

In opening the Board's consideration of this item, Mr. Brammell made a brief background statement, stressing particularly his belief that this plan represents a more direct and complete fulfillment of the NIS Committee's responsibility to USIB for recommending priorities for production than did the previous annual forecasts which he felt had not been very satisfactory.

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The Chairman indicated his general agreement with the subject plan, but suggested that, in view of Indonesia's importance and interest to the US, the General Survey maintenance schedule on that country be changed from standard to priority maintenance.

Following brief additional discussion the Board:

a. Approved the NIS Coverage Plan, subject to the change suggested by the Chairman to schedule Indonesia for priority maintenance\*, as a long-range production planning guide to be implemented flexibly and reviewed annually.

b. Noted that the NIS Committee will discuss in its Annual Report to USIB any significant changes to the subject plan.

c. Noted that the NIS Committee will submit an annual production schedule to USIB before the beginning of each fiscal year.

4. The Outlook for Internal  
Security in Ethiopia  
(SNIE 76. 1-68)

Approved as amended.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to  
USIA.



Following a brief discussion of proposed changes tabled by State the Board approved the subject estimate as amended.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

\*A revised page reflecting this change will be circulated in a Memorandum for Holders of USIB-D-51. 1/14.

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Executive Session

At 1040 the Chairman convened the Board in executive session for discussion of certain subjects which included the following item.

6. The Community On-Line  
Intelligence System  
(COINS) Experiment  
(USIB-M-503, 4 April 1968,  
Item 5. b.)

The CIA Member referred to the discussion of this subject at last week's Board meeting during which [ ] undertook to prepare for consideration a proposed statement to be incorporated in the DCI Response to NSAM 368. At Admiral Taylor's request, such a proposed statement in the form of a draft memorandum from the DCI to USIB as prepared by [ ] was handed out for the Board's review.

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Admiral Taylor explained that this statement was drafted in general terms with the belief that specific problems could best be handled on a case-by-case basis. He noted that each interested agency was asked to designate a sub-system manager for the experiment under the general guidance of the manager appointed by the Director [ ] [ ] Admiral Taylor also called attention to the designation of General Taylor as the representative of the DCI to keep him advised on all matters concerning the experiment.

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[ ] also noted that the USIB agencies are already represented on the new Intelligence Information Handling Committee, with which he as Chairman would consult for advice and guidance in connection with his duties as the DCI representative.

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Admiral Taylor explained that [redacted] as the  
DCI representative would work out with [redacted] as executive  
agent such further management arrangements as may be necessary.

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After further discussion the Director of Central Intelligence  
with the concurrence of USIB approved the draft statement on the subject  
as tabled at the meeting.\*

Adjournment: 1105

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Executive Secretary

\*The memorandum on the COINS experiment from the DCI to USIB was  
subsequently circulated for appropriate action by USIB-D-39. 1/9.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

No USIB member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

2. Non-Release of Estimates  
to Foreign Governments

a. SNIE 58-68, "Communist  
Intentions in Laos"  
(USIB-D-17.8/370, 28 March)

b. NIE 32-68, "Pakistan:  
Internal Developments  
and Foreign Outlook"  
(USIB-D-17.8/372, 2 April)

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